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POLITICS

Local MP defends Tories' prorogue

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

You've got to give local MP Barry Devolin props for moxie – and loyalty.

Without even waiting for a question from the floor, Devolin waded into the deep dark waters of a political fracas when he launched into a dissertation on the legitimacy of the prorogue in the Canadian parliamentary system.

Devolin was speaking to a group of local business people at Sir Sam's Ski Area Jan. 13 where he was the invited guest speaker for a chamber of commerce breakfast meeting.

After spending 10 minutes describing his government's past and future economic plans, Devolin then spent about four minutes explaining how last month's prorogation was just part and parcel of a long and illustrious tradition firmly entrenched in the Canadian parliamentary system.

"Canada is 147 years old and Parlia-

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Winter winner

The Ontario Senior Games, coming to Haliburton County in 2011, chose its logo contest winner this month. Myke Malone, general manager of Winterfest 2011; Alan Clark, organizing committee chair and Darby Bayley, logo design winner celebrate in the snow. Story on page 3.

ACCESS CENTRE

Greater demands lead to longer waits

JENN WATT

Editor

The Community Care Access Centre does a lot more today than it did 20 years ago – offering speech therapy, so-

cial workers and specialized programs in addition to the more traditional nursing associated with it, but that has come at a cost.

Across the Central East health region, about 1,300 patients are on wait lists for the services the CCAC provides, and

that number isn't likely to go down as the years go by.

"What has happened is we have a huge demand for services and the demand is for clients who are sicker, bottom line,

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OPP BRIEF

Jeep stolen from Kennisis Lake Road

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment are investigating two separate stolen vehicle occurrences within the County of Haliburton.

On Friday, Jan. 15 officers were called to investigate the theft of a 2002 Jeep Liberty black in colour with Ontario licence number AXLT-685. The vehicle was stolen from a residence on the Kennisis Lake Road in the township of Dysart et al.

On Saturday, Jan. 16, officers were called to investigate the theft of a 1995 Polaris 600, black with purple and blue. The sled is also equipped with pink runners and has stickers on the cowling that say, "Daddy's Girl." The machine was stolen from a residence on Friendship Lane in Algonquin Highlands township.

Anyone with information on either of these thefts is asked to call the OPP Communications Centre at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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Corner of Hwy 21 & 'ndustrial Park Road

Local cottager named officer of the Order of Canada

here, there \mathcal{E} everywhere

news and events worth noting

uilford Lake cottager, James Orbinski was named an officer of the Order of Canada Dec. 30 for his work as a physician. Orbinski was the president of Médicins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) for three years, accepting the Nobel Peace Prize for the organization's work in 1999. He worked as a doctor in Somalia, Rwanda and Zaire among other countries.

 $oldsymbol{I}$ he Haliburton Echo and Minden Times are now offering a free trial to online editions of the newspaper. The e-edition looks just like the print version of the newspaper, complete with ads and photographs, but can be accessed by any computer with Internet access. Issues can be downloaded onto your laptop for later reading and articles can also be read to you by the computer. Just go to our website: www.haliburtonecho.ca or www.mindentimes.ca and click on the e-edition logo on the right side for the free trial.

 Γ he *Echo* received this from Helen Brown: Every Thursday at 7 p.m., a small group of intrepid would-be dancers meets in the gym at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School to learn some new moves. We are a motley crew, some old, some young, couples and singles. Most of us don't have a lot of rhythm and sometimes have trouble knowing our left from our right, but we laugh a lot. Some of us, particularly my husband and I, are not in great shape, so we take a few rests during the evening. The amazing thing is that we're actually learning to dance and according to our very expert and patient instructors, Dave and Bonnie Mowat, we're doing quite well! If we can do it anyone can. So, if you've ever wanted to try some ballroom dancing, why not come out. You can even come and just watch to see if it's for you or not. It's fun, it's almost free (just \$3), and it's

KATRINA CHVEDUKAS

Everyone has a little rock star in them and it's hard to get out of the garage or basement band mode when

On Jan. 27, at McKecks: The Blue Line, from 4 to 6 p.m., students from the local schools are invited to the After-School Open Stage Program.

For two hours, kids can come and play their instruments, sing their hearts out and just rock out.

The idea was originally brought to Carl Dixon when

McKecks opens stage to students

Co-op student

you live in a small town.

he was informed that the local high school had stopped doing their coffee houses that allowed students to show off their talents. There was only one open stage but only a couple students showed up, so Dixon and McKecks decided to hold it off, and try to start the program back up later after renovations and the holidays were finished.

With those two issues out of the way students are allowed to come and show their stuff. Already a few students have contacted McKecks asking if they could come and do an act and no one has been turned down. There will be a \$2 fee for each person's act they would like to do with all the proceeds going towards The Blue Line – a charity run by the restaurant.

If you're worried about limited space, and would like to reserve a spot for yourself or for your band, you can email Sean Carthew at bookwithsean@gmail.com. If you don't play an instrument and would just like to sing, you can bring some karaoke music to accompany you and get everyone in the swing of things.

So come on out and show this town what you've got. Even if you're a bit nervous come and see what the action is all about, you might just get motivated enough to jump up on stage.





This week's Weekender:

- Artist Laurie O'Reilly paints real people
- Country girl moves into county
- · Minden library buries time capsule
- · Get on road to tobacco-free living
- Cards scores, bowling scores

Plus Sudoko, crossword, classifieds and coming events.



SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY

Haliburton lends Haiti a hand with supplies

Local EMS team prepares boxes of medical supplies to send to country recovering from devastating earthquake

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

Always ready and willing to lend a hand, the county of Haliburton has reached beyond its borders to offer assistance to the residents of Haiti after a catastrophic earthquake hit the country Jan. 12.

When an urgent request from the Durham region emergency medical services (EMS) team was sent out, members of the Haliburton EMS team rallied together to provide boxes of medical supplies and resources, all to be shipped to Haiti.

Durham region EMS has a long-standing connection with relief efforts already underway in Haiti; a paramedic's mother is president and projects co-coordinator for the World Council of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship already working in Haiti.

On Jan. 24, the organization returned to Cité Soleil, focusing on providing aid.

Haliburton EMS staff filled boxes with medical supplies and surplus equipment as soon as the request came in, loading a pick-up truck with as many boxes as they could fit to donate to this humanitarian effort.

Supplies were then delivered to a staging area at the Bowmanville EMS station on Jan. 20. From there the Durham station provided a truck and trailer to transport the donated supplies to Kingston on Jan. 22.

The supplies and the team of 10 aid workers then flew to the Dominican Republic on Jan. 24, travelling by ground to Cité Soleil, expecting to arrive by Jan. 26.

As a recognized United Nations group, they are



Reeve Murray Fearrey and members of the Haliburton Emergency Medical Services (EMS), director Pat Kennedy (left), and quality assurance manager Larry Blanchard (right), proudly display a EMS vehicle filled with medical supplies, which will be shipped to Haiti in response to the devestating earthquake. /Photo Angelica Blenich

guaranteed a safe escort on their travel. Air Canada has agreed to waive all cargo weight restrictions for this flight.

Haliburton EMS member Larry Blanchard believes the supplies are just a drop in the bucket in terms of the assistance that's needed down there.

"The need in Haiti right now is so great," says Blanchard. "People are on the streets and are dying because of minor injuries such as infections and broken bones. These are things that are so easy to treat but they just do not have the resources or infrastructure to provide proper medical care. Any little bit of help we can provide is a good thing."

Reeve Murray Fearrey agrees.

"The county is so proud of the work these men have done in this time of need," says Fearrey. "They really pulled this off in a short amount of time and I couldn't be more impressed."

Winterfest 2011 selects winning logo design

The games organizing committee of the 2011 Ontario Senior Games – Winterfest, is pleased to announce the winners of the design contest, which was held to ask for logo ideas for the Games.

Close to 20 submissions were received by late November and after reviewing the submissions the committee selected Darby Bayley of Minden as the winner and recipient of the first prize of \$201.10. Bayley submitted the "sporting snowman" as her creative idea and the final design of the logo is both engaging and fun. Thank you Bayley!

Runners up included an anonymous volunteer representing 100.9 Canoe FM, and April Martin from Haliburton. Runners up received prizes of \$120.11. The committee would like to thank all those that submitted design suggestions.

The logo will begin to appear in all communications, the Winterfest 2011 website, signage and promotion elements associated with the games.

The 2011 Ontario Senior Games – Winterfest, will take place over three days in February of 2011. Haliburton County will be host to the more than 800 senior participants, coaches and officials who will compete in 10 events during Feb. 15 to 17. All competitors are 55 years of age or over and are shining examples of what a healthy active lifestyle does to improve health and your senior years.

The primary funding for Winterfest is from the Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion with support provided by the County of Haliburton, Sport Alliance of Ontario and Ontario Senior Games Association.



Darby Bayley's "sporting snowman", pictured above, was selected as the winning design of the 2011 Winterfest logo contest. The logo will be used for all material related to the upcoming event.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Rising drunk driving stats propel drama class to act

TERRANCE GAVAN

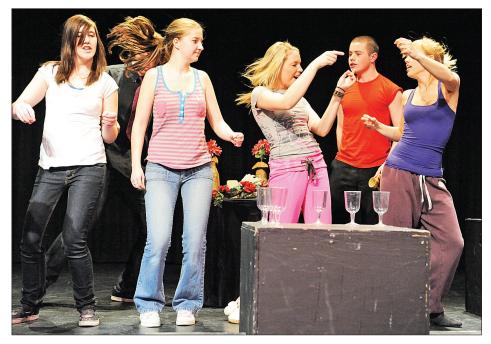
Staff reporter

Grappling with the realities of booze. Not everyday fare for your average high school drama student.

Last Friday evening, a determined troupe of Haliburton High students from Elke Zilla's Grade 11 drama class threw some compost at the fan and watched it splatter from spinning blade to the notso-subtle stage at the Northern Lights Pavilion.

The actors stumbled around the stage - in a good way, mind - last Friday evening in two compelling and heartrending pieces about the downside of the high life. (The plays were interspersed with several poignant alcohol-themed musical montages, monologues and a closing

In Libby Pierce Drinks, a stunningly bleak, and surrealist piece by writer Tim Mogford, four young actors, Jessica Slade, Kaily Schell, Marcie Dick and Katie Findeis, grapple with the after-effects of the bully's grind, jealousy and



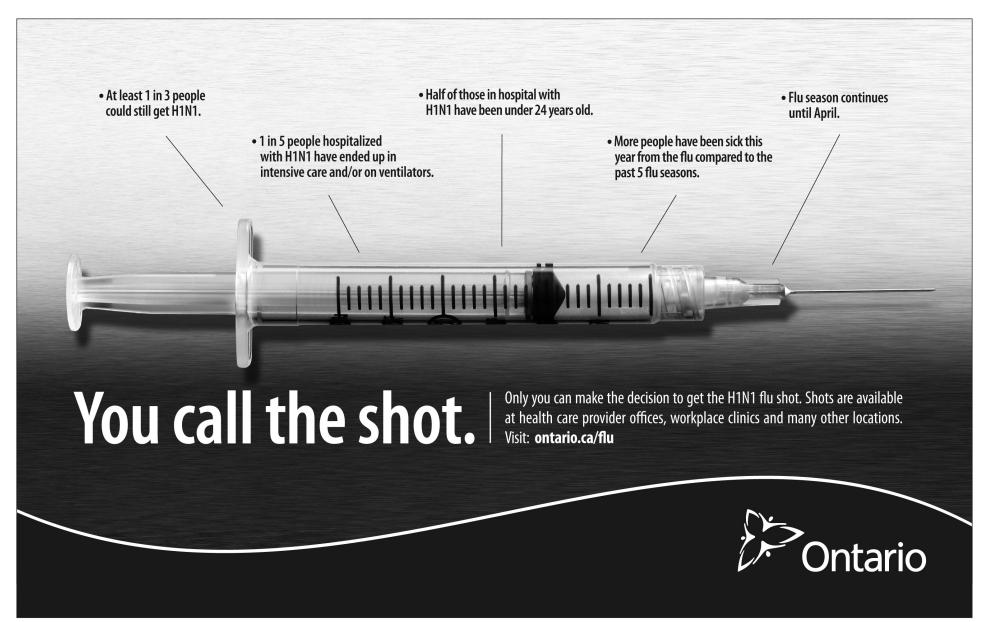
The Hal High Grade 11 drama night began with an ensemble piece entitled MADD World Under the Influence. In it the entire cast goes for broke at an underage party. This night of revelry ended happily as the keys were kept in a hat by the party organizer. /Photos by Terrance Gavan.

vehicular homicide, when the day after in their own way to get underage Libthe night before lands them together in a holding room at the local cop shop.

The four teenage girls all conspired

by drunk at a party, and then promptly

See **She** page 5





Left, Lindsay (in pink), played by Jessica Slade – who also directed – bears the brunt of her moral stand in Libby Pierce Drinks. Lindsay is squeezed by fellow cast member Kaily Schell – who plays Julie – as they discuss whether to come clean to the cops.

She took the keys and jumped into car

from page 4

handed her the keys to the car at the end of the night.

She took the dare, and the keys; jumped in her car, and killed a young mother in a catastrophic accident.

Too Much Punch For Judy, (directed by Lindsay Hawley) is a stunning real life drama by playwright Mark Wheeller, about a girl, Judy, who killed her sister, Jo, while driving drunk.

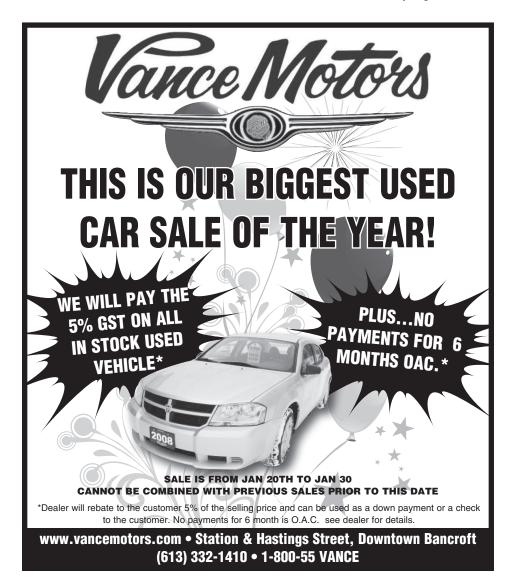
We are introduced to the young Judy, played by Victoria Snow and effervescent Jo, played by Meaghan Varty, by the present-day Judy – portrayed by Hayley Sullivan – who sits bleak in bas-relief,

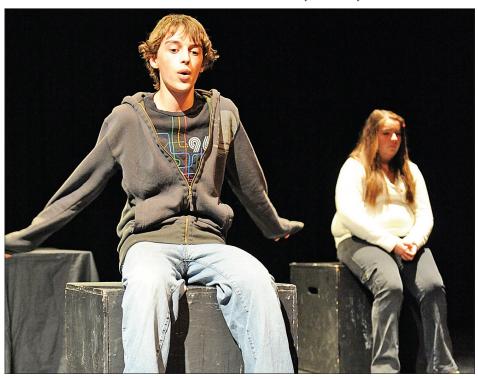
covered by single spotlight on a corner of the stage.

Two other narrators played by Cassi Berry and Jesse Hayes take us through the events of the night – a horrible night. The drama closed with a beautifully constructed video on drunk driving by Sophie Creelman, Jenny Henwood and Megan McKay.

And the evening wrapped with their teacher and a good percentage of the audience reaching for tissues.

"With all the information out there, we're seeing a rise in drink drive statistics again," said Zilla, fighting off some tears. "These are not easy topics."





Justin VanLieshout opened the night of drama with a virtuoso rendition of Gary Jules's song, "Mad World."



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How to Get Involved

Comments on the background information will be accepted until March 8, 2010.

The background information is posted on the Environmental Registry of the *Environmental Bill of Rights* website at: **ontario.ca/ebr** (#010-8824) and on the Ontario Parks website at: **www.OntarioParks.com/planning.** Copies are also available from the contact listed below.

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When politicians toe the party line

O IT SEEMS that, predictably, MP Barry Devolin defends his leader's move to prorogue Parliament with more than 30 outstanding Tory-supported bills on the brink of being accepted and take a five week break.

He said so to a breakfast gathering for the chamber of commerce earlier this month, slipping into professor mode while he mused about how extraordinary it was to have the whole country talking about the minutiae of the governing process.

He also echoed Prime Minister Stephen Harper's usual critique that the media was blowing the whole controversy out of proportion.

echo_____editorial

jenn watt

If the cross-country rallies on Saturday did nothing else, they proved that Canadians are indeed "steamed," as Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff put it, about the idea of shutting

down the House of Commons abruptly in the midst of the holiday season.

And this anger is more likely directed at the attitude of our prime minister than it is about losing the progress made on those crime agenda bills the Conservatives themselves introduced.

As with the last time the House was prorogued, Harper has adopted an almost Trudeau-style "just watch me" manner that doesn't play well when the part we're supposed to watch is Parliament doing absolutely nothing.

Of course, as a loyal Conservative MP, Devolin publicly agrees with his boss's move and no doubt he will continue working hard in the riding for this entire period. But it puts a bad taste in your mouth when someone who is normally as commonsense as Devolin backs the party line: a line that makes entirely no sense at all.

Some fresh air

The *Echo* is blessed to have Steve Galea as a regular contributor to these pages. His weekly humour piece is followed religiously by many in the community, and his poetic Walking Softly column in the summer months adds some fresh air to normally newsy pages.

Starting this week, Galea will begin a monthly feature called Haliburton County Outdoors, where he will explore everything outdoorsy, both on the hunting/fishing side and the conservationist/naturalist side.

We're thrilled to have someone with such knowledge and depth bring another element to the newspaper for those who want to get to know the wilderness around us a bit better.



Winter lake

Photo by Tim Tofflemire, toffphoto.com

New rifle

steve

galea

HIS WEEKEND several members of our hunt camp embarked upon a pilgrimage to a distant gun shop. The object was to hang out, belch, eat greasy food, and espouse narrow-minded world views. My wife referred to it as a man date.

world views. My wife referred to it as a man date.

I take offence to this. If it had been a date of any sort, we would have felt obligated to dress up, shave and drive to some place that couldn't possibly interest tales from

us. While there, we would have folded to societal pressures that forced us to spend lots of money on silly types of food, fastidiously arranged. Then, we would have been required to listen to lounge music we didn't like, use manners we didn't know we had, eat slowly, chew and talk about the chick flick we were just forced to see.

Instead, we watched our buddy spontaneously purchase a new rifle.

This is one of those beautiful, miraculous events that you sometimes hear about on the nature channel but never actually watch because suddenly they pre-empt the program with footage of childbirth.

We stood around and provided all the support we could while a professional delivered the rifle. My job was to remind Jerry to breathe.

Other things were purchased too. I bought reloading components. Brent bought scope rings, a cleaning rod and other items he'd been waiting his whole life to meet.

But it was the rifle purchase we were most proud

of. Walking towards the cash register, even as part of the new rifle owner's entourage, is testosterone-enriching experience. That's because the implication is clear. It says, "No, I didn't buy this rifle, but I know the guy who did and he might let me shoot it one day."

It's the next best thing to purchasing our own.

It's an uplifting, joyous feeling. As a group you gush eloquently about the merits of the calibre and the nice feel of the trigger.

As you can see, this is the furthest thing from a date there is. For one thing, you are free to adjust yourself any time you feel like it.

It was also great partly because one of the younger members of camp was there too.

Gord is at that impressionable age where he still looks up to us older

guys and truly believes that there's nothing wrong with sopping gravy up with your sleeve, as sometimes happens at hunt camp.

It was a pleasure, not only to watch Gord's eyes light up at the miracle of rifle purchase, but also to see him first look upon the rifle that, one day, if he finds the right woman, he will surely own. Watching that young hunter check out that firearm provided a rare glimpse into the spark that accompanies love at first sight.

I wept openly.

OK, maybe it was a little like a date.



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Night delivery

NDREW WAS GETTING NERVOUS. The weather had turned cold again and he was almost out of firewood. Poor planning and his own inexperience had led him to this predicament. It was his second winter since relocating to this rural community after a lifetime in the city. The sparkling waters, rolling hills and quiet roads had captured his heart and here he had decided to spend his retirement years.

The previous fall Andrew had bought two loads of firewood from a fellow advertised in the local paper. The wood had been so green that when he tried to burn it, the spitting sap sounded like a snake trapped in his wood stove. Andrew had shivered through some very chilly days and even chillier nights, losing sleep while using up a forest of newspapers trying to make the sappy logs burn.

Wrongly thinking he had enough of the now-seasoned firewood for a second winter, he saw his woodshed emptying at an alarming rate as the temperature continued in the lower digits. Andrew therefore decided he had better ask his new-found friends at the

curling rink for advice.



sharon lynch

When he first broached the subject, he was met with a few raised eyebrows and sad head shakes. Although he was well aware January was a less than ideal time to be looking for seasoned wood, his fellow curlers felt it necessary to remind him of that fact anyway. But once that mandatory scolding was out of the way, his buddy Charlie took him aside

Of the curlers, Charlie was Andrew's favourite. Also a city

transplant, Charlie had spent his summers in the modest building he now called home. He favoured red plaid shirts that tended to hang out over his belt and his hair always looked in need of a haircut or combing or both. Charlie knew the ins and outs of country living and Andrew trusted his judgment.

Sitting in a local establishment sharing some liquid refreshment, Charlie slid a ripped piece of paper across the table to Andrew. The name 'Samuel' was scrawled and underneath it, a phone number. "Best firewood I ever got. But you have to pay him cash and he always delivers at night," stated Charlie.

Therefore Andrew was not surprised when he heard the rattling, clanking dump truck as it slowed down in the dark in front of his house. But Andrew was surprised at the state of the truck. It wheezed and coughed as Samuel switched gears and backed it up to the opening in Andrew's fence. Slowly the truck box tipped upward, creaking and complaining, metal scraping and the entire body shaking. As the wood began to cascade like thunder out through the back Andrew was convinced the onslaught would take out his fence. Instead Samuel accomplished a neatly placed mountain of firewood that didn't even touch Andrew's new cedar fence. He then quickly jumped out of his truck to loosen any stragglers lodged in the box.

By then Andrew was outside, cash in hand and gratitude in his heart. He was somewhat taken aback by Samuel's appearance. A wiry man of undetermined age, he was small in stature and almost ragged in his work clothes. He wore a solemn expression as he took the money from Andrew with a nod. It was at that point Andrew saw an outline in the passenger seat. Samuel pointed out his wife Miranda who also nodded and smiled shyly. Her dyed hair spread over her shoulders like a wild thing. Perhaps, thought Andrew, she didn't get out much and this was her chance. Or perhaps she wanted to keep an eye on the family income.

As the truck shuddered off down the road, Andrew had more questions than answers about the woodman. But one thing he did know. He now had enough firewood to last him well into April and he owed his friend Charlie a beer.



pic of the past

This Haliburton Huskies hockey team got together just after World War II and played games in Lindsay according to the back of this old photo. Back row, from left: Oscar Yarnold, ? Welsh, Harry Brohm, Joe Iles, Roy Logan, Vance English, Bob English. Front row, from left: Buck Baker, Jack Banon, Bud Dart, Claude Brown.

Mark Schell Jr. and Bev Hicks contacted the *Echo* office to identify last week's pic of the past as the 1968-69 Haliburton Bantam team. Back row, from left, Wayne Wood (manager); Rick Wood; Jamie Carroll (assistant captain); Larry Laporte; Cameron Botting (captain); John Wilson; Derrell Stamp (assistant captain) Nielson Sisson; Larry Scheffee and Ken Wilson (coach). Front row, from left, Tim Curry; Mark Schell Jr.; Roger Bain; Dennis Good (goalie); Floyd Henry; Mike Good; Larry Robinson. This was the first time Haliburton won the All Ontario OMHA Championship. Hicks says he played against them that year, while playing minor hockey in Minden. "How I remember being humiliated by them whenever we played," he writes in an email. The game took place in Little Britain at a Little NHL hockey tournament, Hicks thinks.

letters to the editor

Corrections to farmers' market coverage

To the Editor,

Thank you very much for the article about the annual meeting of the Haliburton Farmers' Market Association and our plans for the coming summer. Indeed, we are excited as we think of ways to build on last year's major success. There are two corrections we would like to voice though. First, we are looking at making our

hours of operation earlier Friday afternoons, not later than last year, location permitting. Secondly, Chris Cullen has not left the board, but Jean Tyler has.

Again, thank-you for your coverage, and as details unfold, we will keep you informed.

Board of Directors Haliburton Farmers' Market Association

Writer dares to go there in climate debate

To the Editor,

Many climatologists have come to the conclusion that it is pointless to debate climate-change deniers, since these persons are typically hidebound dogmatists who refuse to alter or cede a position in the face of convincing evidence. As someone who is scientifically trained and reasonably informed on the subject of climate change, I will nevertheless venture where angels fear to tread.

With regard to Mr. Henley's letter, published on Jan. 19, I would be very happy to discuss the legality of my conduct under the rubric of "fair comment;" however, it

must be borne in mind that I will not for one minute tolerate libelous allegations. Secondly, while I take justifiable pride in my accomplishments on behalf of the Ontario Green Party, I fail to see what these have to do with the issue at hand. Third, it took no baiting on my part to get Mr. Taylor to chew my ear off on company time. After half an hour listening to his nonsense, I was all too glad to bid him adieu.

The fact that Mr. Taylor has rendered "hard work" in obtaining passports for residents is surely part of

See **Devolin** page 9

Correction

Due to a typesetting error, there was an inaccuracy in the letter, "Who do you believe?" by Dave

Switzer in the *Echo* on Jan. 19. Switzer had written that "during the 1900s the temperature only went up .7 degrees." The point notation in his handwritten submission was missed in error.

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Devolin should conduct climate clinics

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his job requirement. The question at the time was whether he was permitted to spout gross absurdities on company time. Mr. Devolin assures us that he was not.

Most important, in scientific discourse it is actually very rare for there to be two sides to a debate, as Mr. Henley asserts, except perhaps at the very outset of a research enterprise. If there was a debate about the trend in global warming, such a situation obtained back in the 1970s, before a firm consensus emerged among scientists who were conducting research in the field. Today, there are very few "credible scientists" (that is, peer-reviewed and recently published), who question the general phenomena, although there is of plenty of contention concerning its daunting complexities.

To argue that parliamentary-style debate typifies science is a favourite denier tactic. It opens the door to a motley crew of frauds, shills and academic failures, who are impelled to spread disinformation in public forums. In a letter also published on January 19, we find Mr. Switzer citing a medley of twisted factoids that are typically circulated on these

occasions. No matter how many times these claims are discredited, they just keep popping back up like quackgrass in July.

Thus, when it comes to Mr. Switzer's intemperate remarks, I prefer to follow the climatologists' rueful wisdom in refusing to reply point-by-point. If Mr. Switzer is truly sincere in wanting to learn something about climate science, instead of just guffawing and iterating error, then I will gladly refer him to some current work which is generally held in high esteem.

But I also believe that Mr. Devolin should help set the record straight by facilitating a series of climate clinics, along the same lines as his popular passport clinics, where recognized scientists can inform the public on a subject that is vital to us all.

In the meantime, I would ask both correspondents to ponder deeply the words of David Horton, who writes at Realclimate. org that "the measure of an organization is not determined by the mere existence of errors, but in how it deals with them when they crop up." www.realclimate.org/index.php/ archives/2010/01/the-ipcc-is-not-infallibleshock/.

Doug Smith, Carnarvon



MY SWEET PATOOTIE

It was a full house on Jan. 22 at the Haliburton Museum when folk duo My Sweet Patootie entertained the room with a number of melodic melodies. The duo features Terry Young on guitar and vocals and Sandra Swannell on violin and vocals, playing what is best described as folk-bluesy rhythms with a touch of bluegrass and country. Even after extra chairs were added to the concert it was standing room only!



County of Haliburton Broadband Outreach Program

This series of courses is being offered as part of the County of Haliburton's Broadband Outreach Program. This program is made possible by generous funding received through the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) Rural Connections Broadband Program. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of these reasonably priced, yet very interesting, courses.

Internet, Email, and You

This 3-hour introductory level course is directed at individuals interested in learning about the exciting world of the internet. Course content will include web browsing, email, social networking, accessing government services, and other uses of the internet.

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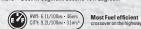


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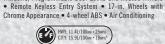
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CARDIFF AND WILBERFORCE

The Nutcracker cast takes show on the road

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

There is an old adage that goes, if you can't bring them to the mountain, bring the mountain to them.

On Jan. 20 the mountain, or in this case The Nutcracker, was brought to the kids of Wilberforce and Cardiff elementary schools, due to an unexpected change of plans no thanks to Mother Nature.

The Haliburton Lions Club had generously offered to pay for the cost of bussing for children at Wilberforce Elementary School and Cardiff Elementary School to attend The Nutcracker on Dec. 11 at the Northern Lights Pavilion. However when a major snowstorm cancelled school that day, the trip was cancelled as well.

David Mills, president of the Lions Club, was a performer in the play this past year. Mills has been the production manager of The Nutcracker for the past four years and has enjoyed watching local kids attend the show. Disappointed by the turn of events, Mills worked diligently over the holidays and into January to arrange to have the dancers from The Nutcracker make the trip out to Wilberforce and Cardiff to perform a special vignette for the students.

Students watched in awe as the dancers performed numbers such as "Chinese Tea" and "Dance of the Sugarplums". Mills offered the children a chance to ask the dancers questions following the performance, in turn broadening their understanding of what ballet is all about. Staff and students alike enjoyed the performance from the comfort of their pajamas as the entire school was celebrating pajama day.





Students of Cardiff Elementary School finally got a chance to see The Nutcracker performance. /Photo Angelica Blenich



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POVERTY

The poor are easily hidden in Haliburton County

KATRINA CHVEDUKAS

Co-op student

Poverty: if you drive down the main streets of Haliburton or Minden you don't see signs of it like you do in the city, where you can drive around and find the homeless just about everywhere.

But just because you can't see poverty, doesn't mean it is not there.

So it is understandable that some people find it hard to believe that Haliburton County is the poorest county in Ontario.

"Haliburton County is so large, covers a huge area and it is so rural. Out in the back roads is where the poverty is, instead of street corners that you can use to define the impoverished area in a city," explains Nancy Brownsberger, a social marketer with SIRCH.

Brownsberger says there is a huge

pride factor that encourages the poor to hide their needs, especially in a small town, where gossip spreads quickly.

"Some people just simply don't understand, aren't even aware of it or don't take it kindly," Brownsberger said.

In Haliburton, the City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County one in five children live in poverty, meaning that there are more children heading to school each day with empty stomachs then ever before. And the 2009 Ontario Report Card on Child Poverty, the province's poverty rate was 11.7 per cent.

Food for Kids, a group that provides healthy snacks for children in local schools is running a bottle drive in January at the Haliburton Beer Store and Gooderham LCBO. All deposit refunds for these bottles will be donated to the breakfast and snack program, which feeds 3,500 breakfasts or snacks each week in this county.

Banish blahs with blues

Rick Fines is "Good to Go" on Feb. 13 at Pinestone Resort when he appears with Suzie Vinnick for the YWCA Banish Your February Blues Event in an acoustic concert performance, just in time for Valentine's Day.

Fines, who comes from Peterborough County, is a longtime veteran of the folk and blues circuits throughout North America, and over the years his work has been recognized nationally and internationally - even by the great B.B.

King helped to judge the blues category of the 2003 International Songwriting Competition that Fines won with his cleverly worded "Riley Wants His Life Back."

"We are just so thrilled that Rick has agreed to perform at our upcoming fundraiser," said Laura Redman, volunteer and special events developer for the YWCA in Haliburton County. "Rick is such an iconic Canadian talent and on stage, he is lively, fun and hugely entertaining. I've also seen him perform with Suzie Vinnick and together, they are just

Fines' talent has been recognized by the MapleBlues Awards over the years winning Songwriter of the Year, Acoustic Act of the Year (twice) and receiving eight other nominations. Also known for his 15-year role in Jackson Delta, Fines is busy touring throughout North America - and more recently teaching.

Fines has been performing and songwriting with the Saskatoon-born Suzie



Banish your February Blues event is just in time for Valentine's Day. Rick Fines and Suzie Vinnick are performing at Pinestone on Feb 13

Vinnick for several years and their 2006 joint effort *Nothing Halfway* was released to huge acclaim, winning the songwriter of the year award at the 2007 Maple Blues Awards.

Vinnick also picked up two other awards that evening – top female vo-calist and bass player. Vinnick has been described in The Globe and Mail as "An engaging performer..." while the Ottawa Citizen described her voice as "Warm, rich and emotional, Vinnick's gorgeous vocals ring with confidence...

Tickets for the dinner and show must be sold by Feb. 3. Ticket price includes a lovely buffet dinner, a silent auction and a live "altered art" auction.

Tickets are still available at Henwood's Variety in Haliburton Village, at the Organic Times in Minden or by calling the YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton County at 705-286-1942.

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COMMUNITY CULTURE

Highland hills alive with the sound of music

Local folk society prepares for second annual folk camp March 6-9

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Canadian folk legend Valdy once personified the special bond between a musician and his guitar: "Battle-scars are deep upon the face of my guitar, weathered lines and old age keep showin' through."

If you recognize that '70s era Valdy ditty – entitled *Me and Martin Growin' Old* – well, you're probably gonna freak when you hear that the Haliburton Highlands Folk Society is staging: Winter Folk Camp II.

Now, lest the sequel make you squeamish; fear not folk friends.

Unlike *Jaws The Revenge*, or *Rocky II* through *hmmm*, the season-two production of last year's runaway rookie success figures to be better (unlike *Dumb and Dumberer*), and back with a bullet, a bump and some bold prognostications.

Artistic director of the second annual

Winter Folk Camp event, Sean Pennylegion says that this year's camp is not so much reprise as revisit – as in 55 people from last year's camp are already busy reserving their tickets and telling friends to reserve their own for this year's camp.

It features an all-star musical contingent – including Ian Tamblyn, songwriting, Rodrigo Chavez, percussion, Linda Morrison, chorals, Cindy Thompson-Butineau, warp-drive fiddle, and Eve Goldberg and Paul Mills, guitar – who will be on hand to oversee the workshops, concerts, and twin-bill concert and ceilidhs.

So what's a *ceilidh* (pronounced "kay-lee"), you ask? A ceilidh is a throwback to an old Gaelic tradition. It's an Irish kitchen party where friends gather to celebrate, sing, play, and offer homage to those chicken soup soul-searchers who like to say that if you dance like no one's watching, your problems might just float past the pantry.

This year's camp has been extended by popular demand – or at least from feedback from the 55 participants who attended the inaugural Winter Folk Camp in 2009.

"The overriding complaint from camp – and it wasn't really a complaint – was that they felt camp was too short last year," says Pennylegion. "So we've extended it by one day this year, from Friday evening to Monday afternoon after lunch."

He says that the twin ceilidhs, slated for the Saturday and Sunday nights will also be open to the general public and will feature offerings by the camp's professional facilitators.

This year the guitar aspect has been widened to accommodate both the novice and the advanced player. Goldberg will take the beginner guitar class, and Mills, known as Curly Boy Stubbs when he played lead with deceased Canadian folk legend Stan Rogers, will be handling the more advanced classes.

Pennylegion says that the camp is centered on the music, but he also stressed that it's an all inclusive package that comes with morning yoga, guided outdoor activities like snowshoeing and

cross country skiing, and that wonderful breakfast, lunch and supper served up by the amiable Wanakita staff.

"This is an opportunity for people who enjoy music in the broadest sense to come out and get away for the weekend," says Pennylegion.

Campers can opt for the total weekend package at about \$425, which includes a Friday evening wine and cheese, and all meals (but not the alcohol) plus accommodations, or locals and cottagers may opt for the semi-inclusive package which will offer all the amenities and concerts, but no accommodations.

"We hope that everyone is going to go away with more than they arrived with," says Pennylegion. "It's an opportunity for people to spend some time with professional musicians to help hone their skills.

"This community is so steeped in the arts and this is a really interesting and unique offering," says Pennylegion. "Good music, great teachers and a bucolic setting in the rustic Highlands."

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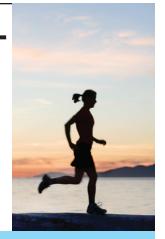
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Haliburton County Outdoors by Steve Galea



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That's the question I posed to Minden area Ministry of Natural Resources biologist Gerry Moraal. A good one, I thought, not only because wild game feeding is popular, but also because it has always been controversial among those of us who give these things any thought at all.

Why you shouldn't

Let's first stress that the MNR generally discourages the feeding of any wildlife species, primarily because it alters their travel patterns and usual behaviour.

In worst cases, it encourages animals to regularly cross busy highways or unsafe ice, risking unnecessary injury or death. Early feeding can also tempt deer to forsake or delay departure to traditional yards, stranding them in less suitable winter habitat when heavy snows accumulate. Then, they're totally dependent on your feeding. Quit and you've put them in real jeopardy.

Moraal also notes that winter feeding increases their metabolism and can actually make them less fit, if they're not getting enough.

Other problems, he says, arise from the high concentrations of deer that hang around feeders. Crowding can lead to aggressive behaviour and injury, as well as increased stress, which creates higher energy demands. Both can be death sentences in winter.

And though it's nice to see deer, feeding habituates them to people, so don't



There are many things to consider before feeding deer in the winter. /File photos

be surprised if they dine on your garden or shrubs after winter or become pushovers for local hunters.

Though seemingly cruel, it's also natural (and beneficial to the herd) for winter to take the weak and genetically inferior deer. The survival of these lesser animals,

due to feeding, could ultimately impact the herd's overall genetic integrity and health. Worse, an artificially large herd might outstrip the habitat's carrying capacity, causing real damage to the ecosystem and a deer population crash.

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Haliburton County Outdoors by Steve Galea



Many enjoy feeding deer

If you must

As feed sales attest, not everyone agrees or abides by this rationale. After all, many have enjoyed feeding deer successfully for years.

There are also times when feeding is clearly beneficial – for instance, if local herds are starving or the MNR calls for emergency deer feeding. (A decision made around the end of January.)

Whatever your reason, if you choose to feed, do it correctly. Otherwise, you'll cause more harm than good.

First, commit to it for the whole winter or not at all. Stop and you could harm the animals you were hoping to help.

The right food is critical. A corn/oats mixture (from 1:1 up to 1:4) is preferable. Avoid pure corn, barley or wheat; these have been known to kill deer.

Moraal says that second-cut alfalfa or hay can also pose problems – they're high in a type of fibre that deer cannot digest. "If they have been feeding on this type of food all winter, problems are much lessened but if deer in a starving condition get fed this, they'll die," he explains. Which raises another salient point: introduce new food to starving deer gradually.

Other ways to help

Last, Moraal points out, there are alternate ways to aid deer. Breaking trails in deer yards or downing selected browse trees are two examples. Another long-term solution is improving deer habitat on your property.

So, to feed or not? Currently, there's no law against it. But there are two sides of a debate to consider.

FISH AND WILDLIFE

More changes at the MNR

Despite the appointment of new Minister of Natural Resources and a slew of changes within that ministry's organizational structure, things will be business as usual.

"The effect of the changes [which happened in mid-January] shouldn't be apparent to the public," says Ministry of Natural Resources senior media relations officer Jolanta Kowalski.

No job cuts or relocations accompanied the changes, she says. Instead, the "internal organizational realignment" has created new divisions and realigned branches.

The splitting of the fish and wildlife branch is one notable change. One part, now known as fish and wildlife services will join enforcement, Ontario parks, and aviation, forest fire and emergency Services in the Provincial Services Division. The other would be under the biodiversity branch in the newly created policy division.

"These changes," says Kowalski, "will give us a stronger ability to develop and deliver policy, modernize our processes and better coordinate the services and operations we provide the public."

"Some staff may report to a different manager or see the name of their branch or division change but their duties won't change. All offices will remain open and will continue to provide the same range of services," she says.

The special purpose account, which directs licence funds from hunters and anglers to help manage fish and wild-life, will operate as it always has. Additionally, Kowalski says, existing programs and community partnerships, such as the one that exists with the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, will remain unaffected.

The changes were implemented less than a week before MP Linda Jeffrey (Brampton-Springdale) was appointed as the new Natural Resources minister, replacing former minister Donna Cansfield.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters is reserving judgment for now, however executive director Mike Reader says, "It is regrettable that the one branch anglers and hunters most identified with [the fish and wildlife branch] has been splintered. Obviously, we are concerned about the marginalization of fish and wildlife, and by extension, fishing and hunting, through the division of the fish and wildlife program. That said, consolidating policy into one division should increase communication across the board, and that could be a positive change."

Food for thought

Got a great recipe that you'd like to see published? If so, be sure to give the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association a call. The association is in process of collecting great recipes for a fundraiser cookbook.

Office administrator Marilyn Wooder hopes to hear about your favourite recipes involving involve fish, fowl, venison, bear or any of the other things we all love to eat.

If you'd like to participate call her at 457-9664 or email hhoa@xittel.ca.

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Upcoming outdoors events

Here's a brief listing of outdoor events for the next month. If you'd like to post any Haliburton County-based outdoor-related events, please email Steve at TheOutdoorLife@aol.com.

Feb. 6: Pat and Phyllis Gallen Memorial Lake Trout Derby

Feb. 13 to 15: Ontario Family Fishing Weekend.

Feb. 13: The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Murray Scott Memorial Ice Fishing Derby

Feb. 13: The Pattie House Lake Trout Derby

Feb. 27: The Irondale Fishing Derby





Haliburton COUNTY news



Criticism of prorogue overblown, Devolin says

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ment has been prorogued about 110 to 115 times," said Devolin, who has a degree in political science from Carleton University.

"So this is something that has almost occurred as an annual event."

He also implied that Prime Minister Stephen Harper had no particular agenda in mind when he prorogued Parliament and question period in December.

"The prime minister did two things," said Devolin. "Number one he prorogued Parliament and then he delayed the return of Parliament by five weeks."

Devolin said that there was nothing nefarious or underhanded about the prorogue, as suggested by some members of the Canadian press corps in articles and opinion pieces.

Many opposition MPs and pundits have since submitted that the hasty suspension of Parliament was a ruse to get out from under some intense scrutiny regarding Canada's part in the transfer and subsequent torture of Afghan detainees.

Harper's spokesman, Dimitri Soudas, said on Dec.

30 that the government sought the suspension to consult with Canadians, stakeholders and businesses as it moves into the next phase of its economic action plan amid signs of economic recovery.

"This is quite routine, but it is also important to give Canadians an overview of where we will be taking the country over the next little while," Soudas told CBC News from Ottawa.

The prorogue, which was the second such call in the space of a year, was viewed negatively by many opposition critics.

Liberal House Leader Ralph Goodale called the government's move "beyond arrogant" and its justifications for it "a joke."

Devolin made no mention of the detainee scandal nor did he address the opposition critics in his breakfast remarks, but he did manage to take a swipe at the Canadian press corps, who he said were raising the stakes unnecessarily.

"I'll take some umbrage with the national media," said Devolin. "We changed [the opening of parliament] from Jan. 27 to March 3, and I know it sounds like two months from January to March, but it's actually a little

over a month or five weeks, and it's not two months."

Devolin added that Canadians should use this current controversy over prorogue as a way of learning more about their Canadian parliamentary system.

"It's kind of interesting that it's like a civics lesson for the whole country, because we're learning about how Parliament works which I think is a good thing in the long run," he said.

It should be noted that Devolin's remarks were made shortly in front of the latest national poll. Indeed the day after Devolin's address to the chamber of commerce, a national poll suggested that the Conservatives had lost a huge amount of political traction among committed voters.

The CBC reported last week that the latest EKOS poll shows that lead enjoyed by the Conservatives over the Liberals has dramatically narrowed since Harper suspended Parliament.

"The Conservatives now lead by a marginal 1.6 percentage points over the Liberals, compared with the 15-point advantage they had in a mid-October survey," according to the EKOS poll released exclusively to CBC News.

HIGHLAND STORM

Another shut out for Atom AE goalie Anthony Bertucca

KARENA CROFTS

Highland Storm Atom AE manager

This weekend the Highland Storm Atom AEs started into their playoff games, first against Gravenhurst Flames AE team on Saturday, Jan. 23 at 4 p.m. in Minden

Gravenhurst came out ready to play hockey and the Storm boys once again seemed relaxed.

But true to form the Storm decided to play hockey in the second period scoring two goals, one by Alex Wilbee and the other by Greg Crofts with assists to Jacob Haedicke, Greg Crofts and Trevor Turner.

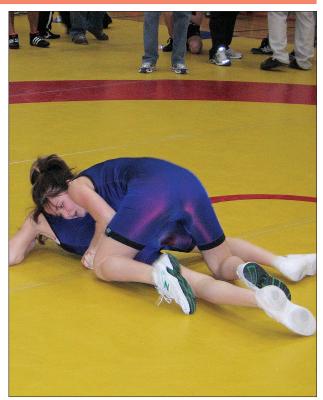
In the third period the Storm put out the Flames by scoring five more goals by Jacob Haedicke, Alex Wilbee, Greg Crofts, Devyn Prentice, and Jack Dobie with assists to Owen Smith, Jacob Haedicke, Devyn Prentice and Jake Bull. With only one goal for Gravenhurst making the score 7-1 win for the Storm. A good game by goalie Anthony Bertucca (who had to put up with a little roughing up), Ryan Prentice, Carter O'Neill and the rest of the team.

The second game Sunday, Jan. 24, was in Gravenhurst at 4:30 p.m. and for once the Storm boys came out like they were ready to play a good game of hockey. The Storm came away with another win 6-0, a shut out for goalie Anthony Bertucca and a two-game win in the best out of five games for the team.

A hat trick, plus one for Owen Smith, two goals for Greg Crofts and assists go to Devyn Prentice, Ryan Prentice, Jake Bull, Jacob Haedicke, Jack Dobie, Trevor Turner, and great playing by Alex Wilbee and Carter O'Neill.

Our next game is in Minden on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 1:30 p.m. Congrats and best wishes to the other Highland Storm teams in their playoffs.

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Gardiner champ of her class

Kayla Gardiner attempts to turn her opponent with a cross face during one of her four matches of the day. On Jan. 16 the high school wrestling team travelled to Peterborough to compete at the Crestwood High School Open Wrestling Tournament. Gardiner won four matches ending the day as champion of her weight class. Photo submitted by Paul Klose



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Showing off the new gear

Mike Darlington, left, Len Pizzey and Blake Payton of the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail Association show off some new equipment the association purchased recently thanks to a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Pizzey, the association's vice president, said the new grooming machine makes the trails smoother and easier to ski on. / Photo Chad Ingram









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Dog days of winter

Above, Suzanne VanLuik-Brohman, along with her son – and Hal High principal Gary Brohman's grandson – Jayden, prepare for a ride behind one of Winterdance Dogsled Tours' sleds at the Pinestone Resort last Saturday afternoon. Winterdance was giving donation-only sled rides to nearly 100 riders as part of a benefit to raise money for Hank DeBruin's Iditarod sled dog odyssey. DeBruin and the team will be heading to Alaska in late February to participate in the 2010 Iditarod.

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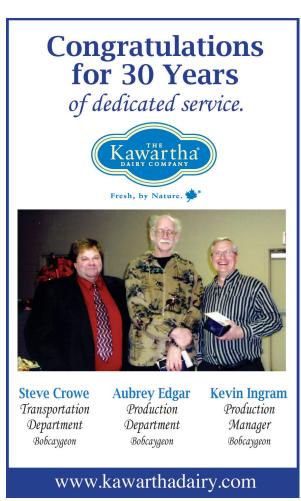
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Right, at the benefit banquet for Haliburton's Iditarod team Hank DeBruin shows off one of his Iditarod team sled dogs in the banquet room of the Pinestone Resort. The sponsorship auction, silent auctions, supper and day-long sled rides raised approximately \$7,000 toward DeBruin's run from Anchorage to Nome, taking place in March.





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Fynn Gooley

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Chad James Willis

July 8, 2009 3 lbs, 12 oz

Proud Parents: Lorena Selk & Rob Willis Grandparents: Lila & Bing and June & Ken



SNOWBOARD WARS

Hawks versus Falcons

The Hal High Red Hawks faced off against the Fenelon Falls Falcons in a head-to-head giant slalom event last Wednesday at Sir Sam's Ski Area. The event was a warm up for the Kawartha and COSSA races which are slated for Sir Sam's in February. The Hawks' Alex Vassos and Brett Hicks finished second and third in the boys' group. Hal High girls Alex Munzel and Ariah Boots (pictured above) placed first and third respectively in the girls' event. /Photo by Terrance Gavan.

CURLING

Walker wins Canadian Juniors

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

When you're playing fast and loose on a slippery patch of ice with a big chunk of granite, and a draw to the eight foot is all that stands between you and a Canadian championship, you'll want someone with ice in his veins throwing that last rock.

So, who ya'gonna call?

Well, if you're Team Ontario, it's a no brainer: you call Jake Walker.

Last Sunday, on national television, one down, final end, with the hammer; the ice man – aka Team Ontario skip, Jake Walker – cometh.

In this case he cometh from Minden, Haliburton high school, and most recently from Kitchener's Westmount Curling Club.

Walker toed the hack on Sunday night staring at a clear path to the eight foot, and down 7-6 with one stone already counting. A simple draw to the eight foot was all Walker needed for the win, and the former Hal High Red Hawk curler made no mistake. Dead-eye full eight and

an 8-7 Ontario win over Team Manitoba.

Walker, who plays with third Craig Van Ymeren, second Geoff Chambers and lead Matthew Mapletoft, said, "in that last end if we hadn't just made one shot, the game would have been totally different."

The junior men's curling final wrapped up a stellar week of curling for Walker who finished 9-3 in second place behind Manitoba's Alex Forrest at 10-2.

"In the 10th end, Van Ymeren said it doesn't make any difference about the first six rocks, just the skip's deuce," said Walker, via the curlcanada.ca website. "I was surprised he [Forrest] missed it but I would have played the same shot.

"We were confident coming here, but this has exceeded our goals. I'm ecstatic right now. Haven't even thought about Flims [Switzerland]. I think execution is all it was. When we played well, we won. And we played well when it counted."

Led by Minden's own ice man, who is now looking forward to that trip to Switzerland.

Full interview in the *Minden Times* on Wednesday.

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INSTRUCTOR: Thomas Marchant
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Skyline Bonspiel hurries hard to deliver

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Winter weekend events mean a lot to businesses in the Haliburton Highlands.

One of the oldest of those yearly winter events, the Skyline Bonspiel, went down on the weekend of Jan. 15-17 and as usual it drew a lot of teams, and a huge allotment of fans to the vicinity of the Haliburton Curling Club.

Wayne Hussey, who has organized the event for the past 16 years, says that last weekend's spiel was a roaring success.

Not surprising, since the club members really do go all out to provide an entertaining, fun and well-organized bonspiel and have done so for five decades.

The parking lot at the curling rink and Dysart arena was packed and for a change it had nothing to do with a hockey tournament.

This year marked the 51st year for the event, a hallmark of Highlands' hospitality, known for its unique capacity to deliver the goods along with the

By goods we refer to the influx of visiting foursomes, their families and friends. A nice complement of visitors during the shoulder season for tourism in these parts.

This year's version of the bonspiel once again attracted a full slate of 24 teams. Several local teams also compete annually in the popular spiel, Hussey says, but the Skyline spiel always relies on a huge number of teams from the GTA, and beyond.

Hussey mentioned last year that a lot of spiels were finding it hard in the current economy to draw teams.

He says that the 2009 and 2010 spiels proved that the Skyline still has the cachet and credentials to draw from its established base.

The Rob Melhuish foursome from Toronto's St. George Curling Club won the A-side event and the coveted Haliburton Lumber trophy. Melhuish got some sweeping assistance from vice, Don Pearson, second, Peter Jennings, and lead, Al Kirchner.

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See page 25 for photos of all the winners.



Haliburton's Greg Scheffee shows off the concentration and delivery that allowed the Bob Johnston foursome to capture the Home Hardware trophy and C-Side honours at the 51st annual Skyline Bonspiel held at Haliburton Curling Club on Jan. 15-17.

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HEALTH CARE

Bed shortage increases pressure on rest of system

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they're in a more acute condition," says Gail Scala, director of communications for the Central East CCAC.

The provincial government has introduced several programs and guidelines in the past five years that have put more pressure on the access centre branches in this Local Health Integrated Network (LHIN).

For example, the aging at home strategy asks that health care providers do more to help seniors stay at home longer. The government is also trying to reduce wait times in emergency rooms, asking hospitals to free

This leads to more patients needing care in their homes, therefore more people on the wait list at CCAC,

"They turn to the CCACs because the CCACs can have the infrastructure and the services available to assist in helping to reduce those wait times and the stresses on the ALC [alternate level of care] beds so patients are being discharged from the hospital sooner and in some cases in more acute conditions so ... require more services from the CCAC," she says.

In 2007, the 42 CCACs across the province were amalgamated to 14 to sync with the new LHIN boundaries. In Haliburton, there are rumours that this amalgamation was the cause of the long wait lists for access centre care. Some say that the reason for the wait is a debt from city access centres inherited by the Haliburton branch causing reductions in staffing here.

Scala says that is untrue.

"I have no idea where they are getting this impression that there is a debt, an outstanding debt, and that is why we have wait list times. That ... is not the case," she says.

There was actually a marginal increase in staff numbers for this area, she says.

Besides simply accommodating government programs around aging at home and clearing out acute care beds in hospitals, the Central East LHIN is already at a disadvantage because it doesn't have enough longterm care beds for its population.

"Central East region ... our population is one that is described as an aging population, so we have perhaps a higher demographic of seniors. Compared to another CCAC like Haldimand, Brant, Niagara they have 1,000 more beds in long-term care homes than we have in our region," she says, "that has a huge impact on how long a person has to wait for placement into a longterm care home."

And while the person waits for the long-term care home, she is receiving services from CCAC, which then makes the wait list longer.

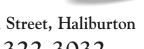




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Thanks for this week's great wildlife photos from contributors John Glachan from Highway 118 West(below), Gayle Wetmore of Maple Lake (right) and Grace Mals of Halls Lake (left and above) who captured the natural beauty of the Highlands.





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WILBERFORCE

Dinner honours famous Scottish poet

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Hilda Clark _____ **448-2018**

Celebrations of the birthday of Robert Burns, the well-remembered poet, surely do stir up those with even a little Scottish ancestry in their family tree. "Robbie" Burns, the creator of such oft quoted and sung pieces



such as "To A Mouse," "Auld Lang Syne" and "My Love Is Like A Red Red Rose" was born on Jan. 25, 1759 in Ayr, Scotland. The Ladies Auxiliary of branch 624 of the Royal Canadian Legion feted this famous bard with an authentic Scottish dinner in his honour on Jan. 23.

The centrepiece of the dinner as always was the steaming haggis which was ceremoniously piped into the dining area by Mike Lockwood. Carried by Cynthia Goodison it was then saluted by Ed Otto with the reading of Burn's poem "Ode To A Haggis." In this poem Burns, who apparently revelled in Scottish traditions, praises this "pudding" named after a mythical Highland beast who supposedly had two long and two short legs to enable it to move easily about the hillsides. A Scottish grace was given by Legion president Bruce Rennie. The dinner included the haggis, neeps (turnips and potatoes mashed together), roast beef and mouthwatering bread pudding.

After dinner, piper Lockwood presented some entertaining numbers including "The Mason's Apron" followed by two of his own compositions. Young Mr. Lockwood, whose home base is Bancroft, is currently a student at the Lindsay campus of Fleming College. He has been playing the bagpipes since he was nine years of age and has been associated with pipers from Queen's in Kingston, the Haliburton Highlands Pipes and Drums and of course, the North Hastings Pipes and Drums. This talented young musician closed his program and the evening with "Amazing Grace."

After all these years the Burn's poem "A Man's A Man For A' That" still strikes a true chord in this needy world: "That man to man, the world o'er, Shall brothers be, for a' that."

In the early hours of Sunday, Jan. 17, Florence Wilson died in hospital in Haliburton. She was in her 79th year.

Florence had been hospitalized for brief periods several times recently. Florence and her husband Don have made many friends and have been active in the community since retiring here. They spent much time and energy as part of the Wilberforce and Area Volunteer Police Association, always willing to help whenever needed.

As Florence wished, funeral arrangements were private. As expressions of sympathy donations may be made to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation in memory of Florence. Condolences are extended to her husband Don and to all her family including her sister Dorothy Laxton and nephews Douglas and Gary. Mrs. Wilson will be greatly missed by Don and her friends and neighbours.

The business of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild for 2009 was reviewed and approved at its annual meeting on Jan. 21 at the Outpost. Re-elected for 2010 were Nadeen Sanderson, Flo Elliott, Valerie French, Ken Sanderson, Joan Noble, Hilda Clark and Cathy Agnew. Joining the board are Barbara Schofield and Jill Lee.

Marlene Robertson who has served so capably as treasurer since 1996 is leaving the board. Gerald Shackleton, who has been with the guild since its inception in 1991 has also stepped down. He is now residing in Bowmanville. Both of these members have contributed greatly to the work of the Heritage guild. They will be sorely missed. At the next regular meeting which is on Feb. 1 offices in the guild will be decided.

The loonie lunch is this Jan. 28 from 11:30 to 1 at St. Margaret's Anglican Church here in the village. All welcome.

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Pursuant to By-law No. 2007-145, notice is hereby provided that the Council Meeting being held on Monday, February 1st, 2010 will begin at 10:00 a.m. instead of 1:00 p.m. as regularly scheduled in order for Council to continue the Official Plan review.



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January is almost over and the days are getting longer. There are several exciting events in February to delight you and shake the winter blahs. So write these dates on your calendar.

On Feb. 6 there will be the annual Pat and Phyllis Gallen Lake Trout Ice Fishing Derby. There will be cash prizes as well as a prize table. Lakes in this derby are: Farquar, Esson, Grace, Miskwabi, and Wilbermere. Esson and Grace Lake are slotted and one line only. All fishermen must provide a fish sample to the MNR at the time of weigh-in, failure to comply will result in disqualification. Rules: derby officials' rulings are final, MNR regulations apply. Registration: At the Legion in Wilberforce before closing on Feb. 5 or at the Fish Lunch Box before 10 a.m. Weigh-in time is 3 and 6 p.m. at the Wilberforce Legion. If more information is needed call Mary Dunne at 448-3512 or 448-2221.

The Wilberforce Legion is hosting a Super Bowl Sunday party on Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. Come out and join friends and watch the game excitement on the Legion's new 52" flat panel TV, start time is 6:30 p.m. There will be a potluck lunch so bring your favourite dish.

Feb. 12, noon, Community Care is having their Diners' Club luncheon \$12 a person. To get on the calling list and assure a place at the table, call Gwen Otto at 448-2221.

There will be a special Valentine's Day dance Feb. 13. The music is by DJ Pat Casselman.

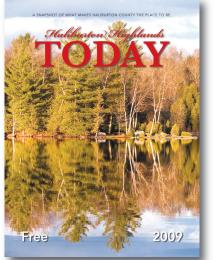
If any further information is needed on this function or any other, call the Legion at 448-2221.

Feb. 14, the L.A. is hosting an all-youcan-eat-breakfast, adults \$6 and children \$3, 9 a.m. until noon. So bring your favourite Valentine out for breakfast.

Feb. 19, all-you-can-eat-spaghetti-dinner, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$6 and children

If anyone has Legion information that they want advertised, they can message me by putting it in my mailbox at the Legion or call me at home or email me. These are good examples of how to contact me.

We have numerous events each day of every month for your entertainment, there is still time to come and enjoy a social time with old friends and meet new ones, in the clubroom.



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AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any person wishing to comment on the proposed sale should submit such comments in writing to the CAO/Clerk at the address set out below on or before the 2nd day of February, 2010.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed by-law will come before the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al, at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario on the 8th day of February, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

DATED at Haliburton and first published this 19th day of January, 2010.

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WEST GUILFORD

Community rallies for Haiti

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This past week has been one of preparation for the community centre's Help For Haiti event to be held at the centre on Jan. 29.

It begins with a song written for the occasion by Bill Gliddon and ends with selections by Carl Dixon. In between we'll be delighted by dancers from Julie Barban's Heritage Ballet class and by various instrumental and vocal numbers. Donations of any amount will be welcome and receipts available where requested.

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Another contingent of the skunk club once again has representation as of last Tuesday night at euchre: Myra Marshall, Jim Hunt, Norma Geddis, Ron Bain, Hank van Nood and Colleen Davison.

High scorers: Myra Marshall, Lou and Ruth Hunt, Emile Duchene and Hank van Nood.

Most lone hands: Pearl Kernohan and Bill Geddis.

Delivery of euchre news is unfailingly and cheerfully supplied by Colleen Davison every week.

Burns night happened at the Legion on Jan. 23 and several local people attended and participated: Jim and Margaret Milne, Earl and I, Kathleen Owens, Neil and Carol Alexander of Ablett Court and Wayne Cooper. Jim, Earl and Neil were in the pipe band. Kathleen and Earl entertained with piano and fiddle music while the delicious buffet prepared by Carol Alexander and friends was being served. Once again Bill Elliot presented The Immortal Memory tribute to the Scottish bard, and addressed the haggis in his imitable fashion. Good to have a genuine Scottish accent for that!

Thanks to all who participated including Helen Elliot who made the haggis. Pipers and dancers from Queen's University delighted a very appreciative gathering with their expertise and Breanne Mansfield's Highland Dancers showed off their skill in expert fashion as well. Altogether a most enjoyable annual event!

community Calendar What's happening in the County



Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the Haliluston Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

- January 26: Family Games Night at the Minden OEYC from 5:00 to 7:00 pm Join us for a light supper and a night of fun and games. For families with children ages 3-6 years, siblings welcome. Please sign up by January 21 at the Minden Centre or 705-286-1770.
- \bullet January 27: Haliburton OEYC is celebrating Family Literacy Day with Family Games Day from 10:00-11:30 am Join us for a light snack and a morning of fun and games. For families with children ages 3-6 years, siblings welcome. Please sign up by January 21 at the Haliburton Centre or 705-457-2989.
- January 27: Minden Library Visit We will be walking to the new Minden Library for story time at 11:00 am. Each child will receive a book from the OEYC. Please sign up at the Minden OEYC or phone 286-1770.
- February 9: Highlands Parent-Child Mother Goose Join us from 10:30 to 11:30 am. For parents and children, (birth to 2 ½ years) learning rhymes, songs and stories together. Join us for 10 weekly sessions (one hour/week) and enjoy a friendly and relaxed morning if fun and learning at the Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. To register please phone 705-286-4625.
- February 10: Free Separating Spouses Seminar in Lindsay from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Are you dealing with separation or divorce? Learn how to reduce conflict during separation and work together for the sake of children. Learn about the legal and court process and the benefits of using mediation to reach agreements. Pre-registration is required. Free information is always available at the Family Law Information Centre located at the family courts in Peterborough, Lindsay and Cobourg. Call Four Counties Family Mediation at 705-760-9603 or 1-888-605-1393.

- February 10: The meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will feature Valentines, Love Letters & Love Stories Bring us your ancestor's literary heart. Maximum 5-minute mini-presentations. Doors of the Common Room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre open at 6 pm. (Please enter by the back door.) Presentations 7-9 pm. Everyone welcome no charge. Refreshments available. For more information contact Gail at 286-2225.
- February 13: Dorset Poker Rally All proceeds to aid Kidney Dialysis at Lions Camp Dorset. Must be 19 years of age or older to purchase a poker hand. Pre-registration is Friday 7:00 -9:00 pm. Registration is Saturday 9:00 Pledge sheets available on line (www.tallpines.org) and (www.lionscampdorset.on.ca). Maximum 300 riders with OFSC Trail Permit, \$50 worth of pledges gives you a free ride. First prize is \$2000 cash. Sponsored by Lions Camp Dorset and Tall Pines Snowmobile Club. For more information please contact Charmaine at 705-766-9263 or Helen 705-766-2662.
- February 16: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Join us for fresh hot pancakes, yummy syrup, sausages, home made dessert and beverage at the Fenelon Falls United Church, Colborne Street, Fenelon Falls from 4:30 6:30 pm. Adults \$7, Children 12 and under Free.

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The family of Aileen Selbie would like to convey their sincere appreciation and thanks to the many who expressed condolences at her passing including those who so lovingly cared for her in the last two years including her friends at the Echo Hills Apartments, Haliburton Home Care and the Access Centre, Supportive Housing staff and the staff of Highland Wood Long Term Care in Haliburton, and the Haliburton Hospital, Dr. Robert Heyes and Father John Burcat at Saint Anthony's. Your care, cards, charitable donations and friendship have made her life so much more blessed and our loss of a Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother so much more comforted.



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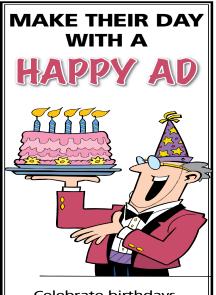
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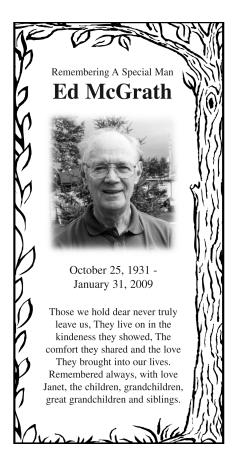
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eaths)

ALLISON, David R - Passed away peacefully at St. Catharines General Hospital on Saturday, January 16, 2010. In his 85th year. Dave was a group manager with London Life Insurance Company until his retirement and he then moved up to Haliburton and drove school bus for 13 years. Dave will always be remembered as Super Dave" the bus driver. Beloved husband of the late Helen. Dear father of Peter (Teresa), Scott (deceased 2007) (Charlene), Frances (John Bilodeau), Randy (Laurel), Diane, Nancy, Rick (Lynette). Loving grandfather of Jason, Amber, Deanna, Robert, Breanne, Danielle, Justin, Nikki, Denise, Kyle, Nicole, Samantha, Lindsay, Ashley, Rigel and Shelby. Dave is fondly remembered by his close friend Betty Douglas and also by his nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Then to St. George's Anglican Church, Halibuton for the Funeral Service on Friday, January 22, 2010 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129, Haliburton. Spring Interment at the Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Memorial donations to St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton or to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com



SIMPSON, Jeunne Anne (nee Lacey) -Passed away suddenly at the Toronto General Hospital on Saturday, January 23, 2010 in her 62nd year. Beloved wife of Jim Simpson of Kinmount. Dear mother and best friend of Carole and Jamie Jones of Kinmount, David and Bernice Lacey of Stayner and loving grandmother of Stephanie, Theresa and great granny of Nathan. Dear sister of Jeanne and Mike Cruickshank, Joanne and Jim Oatman, William (Bill) and Diana Lacey, Clifford (Cliff) and Cheryl Lacey. Jeunne is predeceased by her parents Jean and Clifford Lacey and by Jim's parents Clarke and Glenda Simpson. Fondly remembered by her sisterin-law Lynda (John) Shearer and also by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm and on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the service to Celebrate Jeunne's Life at 2:00 pm. Reception will follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #441 Kinmount (upstairs). Spring Interment at the Kinmount Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Service Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfunralhome.com

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waterfront lots/acreage parcels. 10.23 acres, 1.14 acres, 1.13 acres & 47.64 acres. Plenty to choose from. Great swimming, nice deep lake ideal for fishing. The area is known for its beauty and wilderness.

Pricing ranges from \$175,000 to \$195,000.



IRONDALE

110 acre hunt camp or wilderness retreat, small lake, Trails throughout property. 600 sq ft cabin with hydro, Year round road. \$165,000



2 bedroom pine log home situated on a level corner lot. Full walkout bsmt with large rec room, laundry and office space. Drilled well, septic, generator back up. Barn, shed and insulated garage.

\$149,000



HALIBURTON HOME

2 bedroom home situated in a prime location for a home based business close to town. 2.5 acres, nice view, mature trees Huge garage and shed. Most windows new, septic, drilled well & newer FA propane furnace. \$139,900.



GOODERHAM GENERAL STORE

Commercial building with living quarters. Ideal location to run your own business. Large store front with good commercial space at the back along with an office space. Second floor has generous size 3 bdrn apartment. Selling land and building. \$84,900.



BASSHAUNT LAKE ROAD

2.39 acre building lot. Directly across to the public access to the lake. Mature hardwoods, level lot, last lot on township road, hydro and phone to lot. Close to ski hill, snowmobile & ATV trails. \$37,000



VACANT LAND

Fader Road. Nicely treed vacant lot with deeded access to Maple Lake. Located on a private year round road with hydro and telephone available. \$22,000



SIR SAM'S SKI AREA

North Road. Nicely treed lot close to the ski hill. Hydro and telephone available. Located in an area of newer homes.

\$19,900

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